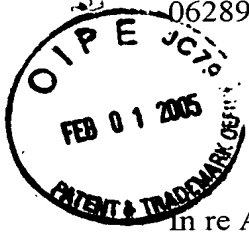


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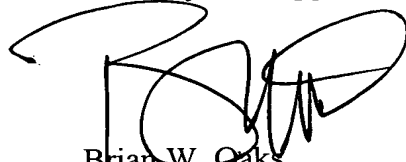
In response to the double-patenting rejection with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,628,657 B1 in an office action mailed August 25, 2004, Applicants indicated in their Response dated October 7, 2004, that they stood ready to file a Terminal Disclaimer if the Examiner's other rejections were withdrawn. In conjunction with sending a Notice of Allowance in this Application, the Examiner telephoned Applicants and requested that Applicants file a Terminal Disclaimer as they proposed in their Response dated October 7, 2004. Applicants herewith submit the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

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